GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORM LINKED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two reform linked schemes Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF) and City Challenge Fund (CCF) announced by the Government in the previous budget are yet in the implementation stage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government for making early implementation of these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL:)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d):No amount has yet been released to the States for the Implementation of Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF) as the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has not been signed with the Centre. The draft MoA has been circulated to the State Governments to expedite the process. As regards City Challenge Fund (CCF),Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has informed that the design has been prepared by Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad and is at consultative stage with various stakeholders, including State Governments and Urban Local Bodies.